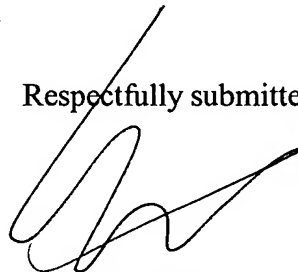


Remarks

Claims 1- 28, 53, 75, 97, and 116 are pending in the application. Claims 8 and 97 have been amended. Claims 29-52, 54-74, 76-96, 98-115, and 117-139 have been cancelled.

A Fee Authorization is enclosed to cover fees for additional claims. If any further fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to MEYERTONS, HOOD, KIVLIN, KOWERT & GOETZEL Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5838-01801/EBM.

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